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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:BICENTENNIAL EVEREST EXPEDITION

1. EXPEDITION WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE FOLLOWING FOOD ITEMS  
TO BE SENT BY AIR TO LUKLA: 260 LBS CHEESE, 64 CANS FRUIT,  
25 LBS. JAM, 112 LBS. CANNED HAM, AND 192 LBS. BUTTER.
2. FOR APPROACH MARCH EXPEDITION WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE  
64 CANS FRUIT AND 28 LBS. BUTTER.
3. IF AVAILABLE EXPEDITION WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE ONE  
WHILLENS BOX. ALSO PLEASE GET THE 10 HORNBEIN MASKS AND  
REGULATORS FROM U.K. EXPEDITION.
4. EXPEDITION WOULD LIKE TO BUY U.K. COOKING POTS IF IN  
REASONABLE CONDITION, AND STOVES AND FUEL IF AVAILABLE.
5. PLEASE APPLY PERMISSION FOR USE RADIO MAMCHE TO  
KATHMANDU. EXPEDITION WILL HAVE USE OF THREE RACAL TRA 931  
SYNICAL SSB MANPACK RADIOS. FULL SPECS BEING POUCHED.  
FREQUENCY RANGE IS 1.6 TO 30 MHZ. OPERATING MODES ARE USB,  
LSB VOICE AND AM. POWER SUPPLY IS 24 VOLT 3.5 AH NICKEL-  
CADMIUM RECHARGEABLE BATTERY. DIMENSIONS ARE 366 MM BY

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„6 MM BY 275 MM. POWER OUTPUT IS SSB 20 WATTS PEP.  
WEIGHT OF UNIT IS 11 LBS, WITH ANTENNA, BATTERIES, ETC.  
24 LBS. RANGE IS 50-500 MILES. MANUFACTURER WILL STUDY  
TOPO MAPS AND RECOMMEND PARTICULAR FREQUENCIES, PROBABLY  
EARLY NEXT WEEK.

6. THE THREE RACAL TRA 931 COULD BE STATIONED AT  
KATHMANDU, NAMCHE AND CAMP ONE ABOVE ICE FALL. LATTER MAY  
BE PROBLEM SINCE WON'T HAVE GURKA TO OPERATE, BUT GURKAS  
OPERATING OTHER TWO RECEIVERS AND RADIO AT CAMP ONE WOULD  
BE FOR EMERGENCY USE.

7. EXPEDITION WILL ALSO HAVE THREE HF BACKUP RADIOS SUP-  
PLIED BY RACAL TO SUPPLEMENT WALKI-TALKIES. EXPECT KEEP  
ONE AT BASE, ONE AT CAMP ONE AND ONE WITH HIGHEST CLIMB-  
ING PARTY. EXPEDITION STILL NEGOTIATING FOR WALKIE-  
TALKIES, BUT EXPECT TO BRING SIX FOR USE BETWEEN CAMPS  
ON MOUNTAIN. ROBINSON

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